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## Letter from John Muir to Sarah Muir Galloway, 1861 May 12

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To Sarah Minor

Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>/61

Dear S, I have just returned from the graveyard. David will tell you all about it "The little Mitchells" what a sorrowful affectionate group, and the poor mother may the Eternal Father who alone knows the strength of all this woe, be always near them and lead them. Death never forgets; do be far from us (May we be ready) I was with no little interest that I saw your saint's signature on no 20. I thank you for this book and mark. The last time I was in a book store I read perhaps an hour in this same book and thought if I was rich I would buy it; here is a bible which I often thought of sending you I bought it in Mr. DuChin but I have another reference one sent Maggie's sister, but that you wear it well. As for home when Dan was telling me about you all I thought I must go but I think I shall endeavor to persuade myself to stay especially as

This term is so near out I do not know indeed whether I shall be home after the term is out or not but it is likely I shall take the next good opportunity. In the mean time I can advise you to be a good girl and keep your little belongings for me and endeavor earnestly to make your dear life happy at least as much as I shall enable him to eat through from home. I do not feel pleased about you not having put my name on the back right or wrong? I intend to draw you a pic some day. There is one for Maggie poor girl. you know she weeps some times.

I slept a wee hair too long and was at Mitchell's a few minutes too late I saw the waggon start through.

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